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BIRTH. On the 28th December, at No. 5, Mountain View. Peak, the wife of O. D. Thomson, of a

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On December 23rd, at Shanghai, Groser Mon-CRIEFF JAMESON, to EVELYN MARY, youngest daughter of Mrs. H. S. Goodfillow, Shanghai.

On December 22nd, at Shanghai, ALEXANDER MacLean, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, aged 75 years.

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HONGKONG. DECEMBER 29TH, 1908.

THE gratifying announcement was made by a Gazette Extraordinary yesterday that His Excellency the Governor, being satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the preservation of the public peace to continue No case of communicable disease was reported in force the Proclamation issued under the authority of the Peace Preservation Ordinance 1886, has been pleased to direct that the Proclamation should be cancelled, and a notification is accordingly issued cancelling the same. "All's well that ends well." The action taken under the sanction of this Proclamation has evoked much public criticism, occasioned, however, more by the exaggerated rumours of contemplated action which obtained currency among the Chinese than by authoritative information of thesteps the Government actually took or intended to take. When the riotous disturbances occurred in the early days of last month, it was patent to everybody, as we pointed out at the time, that something more was coming from South Africa.

necessary than the punishment of the coolies who were caught by the police perpetrating these outrages on the peace and order of the Colony. It was both desirable and necessary that the Government should endeavour to lay their hands upon the actual instigators of the disturbances-the men who were secretly influencing the public mind and number of failures, including some Foreign indirectly, if not explicitly, inciting the mob hongs, is expected in the New Year. to such acts of violence as were committed, not spontaneously but in accordance with a pre-arranged plan of operations. It was clear | been foully murdered in his house at Danalupan, that there had been organisation, and the plain duty of the Government was to discover appears to have been committed with a bolo. the organisers and effectually teach the Chinese community that these outrages cannot be perpetrated with impunity in a British Colony. The machinery for dealing with the position was ready to hand in the Peace Preservation Ordinance of 1886 and under its provisions certain banishment orders were issued against a few Chinese eight in all, we believe, who were secertained beyond question to have been prominently identified with the boycott movement. The great disadvantage of action taken under the Peace Preservation Ordinance is its comparative secrecy, and the great cause of complaint has been that | natives, a man and a woman, were charged with | thing is reported quiet. banishment orders were issued without a public trial against men who denied the offence with which they were charged by the Government. Part III of the Ordinance clearly lays down the procedure in regard to deportation. It provides that whenever, during the existence of the Proclamation, it shall be represented by the Captain Superintendent of Police to the Governor-in-Council, on written information, that the removal from the Colony of any person not a natural born subject of the King, whether such person shall have been naturalised under the provisions of any Colonial Ordinance or not, is necessary for the public safety, it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council, if it shall appear to him, after making such inquiry as to him may seem sufficient, to be necessary for the public safety that such person should be banished from the Colony, to issue a banishment order, &c. Every order of banishment made under this Ordinance has to be forthwith reported by the Governor to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. His procedure not explicitly enjoined upon him, by the Ordinance, is not the man to sanction deportation without satisfying himself of the truth of the allegations brought against the accused person, and we have every confidence that no man has been banished from the Colony without good cause. All, we Correspondents must forward their names and | believe, have now given the requisite assurances not to again offend in the same manner, and have been permitted to return to the Colony. The effect of Government No anonymously signed communications that action has been distinctly salutary, though the exaggerated accounts of the Government's action had the unfortunate result of penalty of secrecy and now that normal conditions have been restored in the Colony the advisability of so amending the Ordinance as to provide for a public trial of the accused persons might well be set down among the questions for early consideration [1702 by the Legislative Council. More than twenty years have passed since the Peace Preservation Ordinance was enacted. The Chinese may be assumed to have a better appreciation of the fundamental principles of Bristish rule and British justice than they had then, and, should occasion unhappily arise at any future time for the issue of Proclamation under the Peace Preserva-

in the Colony last week.

be considered.

Macao is to have another newspaper, the Nova Vida, to be edited by Mr. L. Ayres da

tion Ordinance, it must be evident that it

would be to the advantage of the Govern-

ment and the commercial community alike

were the accused persons given a public

trial, and the deportation orders issued only

Law. To permit of this the amendment of

the Peace Preservation Ordinance would

seem to be necessary, and we suggest that

the subject is one which may now reasonably

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. H. Kemp | the shore. Subsequently, however, Mr. Barlow sentenced a native to three months' imprisomment for entering a shop in Queen's, Road East and stealing a quantity of cigars.

The man named Alfred Hall, who was recently extradited from Hongkong to Manila where he had been wanted on a charge of embezzlement. was sentenced to imprisonment for six years and

Our Macao correspondent writes that, according to latest mail news, the Colony is to be guarded by three ships of war, the Patria. D. Amelia and the Adamastor. The latter is sympathy is felt with Mr. Hogg at the failure

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. Ld. announces that an interim dividend of Tls. 2.50 per share, for the last half-year ending October 31st, 1908, will be payable to shareholders on January 5th next.

A Tientsin paper in a brief note condemning the gambling imports at Shanghai states that it learns from a reliable source that a large

An American named Hogan, formerly a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, has Philippine Islands, by a native. The murder holder in the Oceanic Steamship

The Committee of the Shanghai Athletic Association have decided to hold the Shanghai Marsthon Race distance eighteen miles on Saturday, the 13th March next, commencing at 2 p.m. The route of the race has not yet been dscided on.

The fourth annual children's sports meeting under the auspices of the Kowloon ricket Club is advertised to take place, under the auspices of His Excellency the Governor, on New Year's Day at the King's Park.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday a Chinese woman was charged with stealing ten pearls valued at \$1,100 from the tenant of 25, Staunton Street. Two other receiving the pearls, and the case was remanded

The Rev. E. W. Twing, the superintendent of the Chinese Mission at Hawaii, who has been appointed a delegate to the Opium Conference at Shanghai, is at present in Hongkong, and intends paying a visit to Canton to make inquiries in regard to the opium question.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 27th December, 1908, shows that of non-Chinese there were 232 to the Library and 98 to the Museum, and of Chinese 133 to the former and 2,085 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 365 persons and the Museum by 2,183.

Sergeant Gordon charged eight natives before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday with fighting at Chungchau. The defendants were found guilty, fined \$15 each and bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months. A similar sentence was passed on four coclies who were convicted on a charge of fighting in the Central Market.

While a German blue-jacket was purchasing a handkerchief from a stall in Queen's Road Central he felt a tug at his trousers pocket and turned in time to see a coolie running away with his purse. He pursued the thief, captured the steamer "Tai On" near Chutauhim and handed him over to the police. At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. R. Wood sen- shan and brought her to Canton. Excellency the Governor, even were this tenced the native to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

We have received rules and regulations and the classification of the entries of the second annual Horse Show to be held at Manila on the 11th, 12th and 13th January. There are in all 49 classes, and some sixty cups are being offered for first and second prizes. An yamen of Admiral Li Tsun. sttrative booklet advertises both the Horse From a Manila paper we learn that one of chants are taking in all kinds of concessions. The Carnival headquarters are literally swamped with applications for space on the Carnival paralysing trade for a time. It was the grounds. Last year the first Carnival was a matter of speculation. This year it is a "go! and all concessions are sure to be good paying

Lt.-Colonel Watson, late Commandant of the 8. V. C., left Shanghai by the last English mail and was accorded a send-off that the N.C. Daily News describes as unique in local annals. His carriage was drawn down to the jetty by eight artillery ponies, with outriders, and escorted by detachments of the Light Horse and the Mounted Infantry. At the Customs jetty a large number of volunteers from a units of the Corps were drawn up to bid farewell to their Chief. After inspecting them Colonel Watson went down to the jetty to find it thronged with people. Nearly all the officers of the S. V. C. and S. M. P. as well as representatives of the Customs, the Consulates, and the Municipal Council were present, and numbers of volunteers who had been unable to don their uniforms and fall in with their comrades were present in mufti. Loud cheers were given as the hour for the departure of the tender struck, and when the upon conviction by the regular Court of Gutzlaff moved away from the jetty there was another enthusiastic outburst of cheering.

> Particulars of the death by drowning of Mi Barlow, of the firm of Messrs. Tait & Co. of Taipeh, recently announced in our columns are now to hand. It appeared from the evidence given at the inquest that Mr. Barlow and Mr. F. C. Hogg went out in a boat on the river to have a swim. Mr. Hogg had got into the water and was swimming, when Mr. Barlow dived off the boat and unfortunately got into difficulties in deep water. Mr. Hogg went to the rescue and managed to get his friend to was carried away by the current. Mr. Hogg is supposed to be a Royalist. He grappled again went to his assistance and made a plucky with the President and rolled him on the attempt to get him to land. The drowning man ground. President Fallières, whose ear was clutched him, however, and, after a desperate effort to gain a place of safety, Mr. Hogg, find. ing that they were both drowning, was obliged to free himself and make for the shore, which he eventually reached with much difficulty in 8 completely exhausted condition. At the inquest held by the Japanese authorities the cause of Mr. Barlow's death was given as heart failure. The tracic occurrence caused the deepest regret. among the foreign residents at Taipeh and much of his gallant efforts to save his friend.

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LONDON, December 28th. death is announced of Mr. Claus Spreckels, a wealthy American sugar merchant and a large share-Company.

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LONDON, December 28th.

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London, December 28th A peaceful revolution has been accomplished in Venezuela and every-

> FRENCH PRESIDENT ASSAULTED.

LONDON, December 27th. President Fallieres was knocked down in the streets of Paris by an The President unemployed waiter. happily was uninjured.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, December 27th. Johnson has defeated Burns in the Boxing Championship at Sydney after a contest of fourteen rounds.

CHINESE SEIZE ANOTHER STEAMER.

CANTON December 28th. The Chinese authorities have seized

It is alleged that the "Tai On ". not a British steamer, though she has been flying the British flag.

An inquiry is proceeding at the

The s.s. Tai On we learned, on inquiry at Show and the Manila Carnival which takes the Harbour Office yesterday, is a British place from the 2nd to the 9th January. steamer owned by the Tai On s.s. Company. She is trading between Hongkong and Kongmoon on the West River, and on her last tri the most satisfactory features of the coming to Kongmoon, it is reported that she collided Carnival is the great interest which local mer- with a Chinese theatrical junk and sank it. As a result of the collision thirteen people were drowned, and their relatives and the rescued junk people claimed \$4,000 as compensation from the owners of the steamer. The owners declined to entertain this amount, but offered to pay \$1,000. This was not deemed sufficient by the claimants and the result has been theseizure of the Tai On by two Chinese gunboats. At the time fares are increased. To the ordinary business of the arrest of the steamer she had not her register on board, it being the custom, we understand, for her to leave it at her first port of call and obtain it on her return trip to Hongdoubt lead Chinese officials to the conclusion that the vessel was not British. The Tai On is commanded by Captain Lawrence and carries European officers.

We were informed late last night that the steamer Tai On has been released, the Chinese Authorities having satisfied themselves that she is a British steamer.]

> REUTER'S SERVICE.] THE RIOTS IN PARIS.

LONDON, December 26th. six of the rioters will be prosecuted. LATER.

The unpopular medical examination has been withdrawn and M. Clemenceau has censured the chief of police for introducing police into the examination hall simulating

> ASSAULT ON PRESIDENT FALLIERES.

LONDON, December 26th. While walking in the morning in Paris with his secretary and A.D.C., President named Mattis who tried to pull the Prescratched and stick broken, proceeded with

RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 26th. The Duma has adopted a resolution warmly sy mpathising with the kindred Slav peoples, and hoping that the Government will safeguard their interests.

JAPAN.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

TOKYO, Dec., 17.

A TRAMWAY COMPANY PROBLEM. The affairs of the Tokyo Railway Company are now, with the approach of the year end, attracting great attention, for it may be said without exaggeration that a crisis has arrived in the history of the company. The halfyearly meeting will be held on the 20th, when shareholders will be asked to give their approval to a balance sheet in which for the first time dividends are considered of secondary importance and large sums are set aside for deprecia- if American legislators continue in the same tion and reserve. Even the directors forego their | conservative attitude regarding the principle customary bonus, 50,000 yen, because of their of marine subsidies the time will soon come determination to reform the company's position. The accounts show a net revenue of 1.642.403 seven or eight per cent. dividend as on previous ing undisguised efforts in this direction and occasions the directors propose to dispose of it as | already almost monopolise the trade out of San 200,000 yen. THE NEW POLICY.

fault with this balance sheet, but in a country what is known as the Chilean Propagands. where such substantial methods of business are which seems to be doing useful work in connot at all common, the balance sheet of the nection with industry here, especially agri-Tokyo Railway may be indeed described as | oultural industry. At a dinner given the other novel. But it is necessary, and had it been the evening to Mr. Hicki, the newly appointed practice of the company from the first to look | Minister to Chile, the conditions in the South ahead in this way the shareholders would have American States and the prospects of Japan in been a more satisfied body of men to-day that region and in mutual trade were discussed. Indeed, the conviction grows upon one the Mr. Asano, head of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha more the affairs of this company are studied was present and announced an arrangement that there has been mismanagement and short- between the Japanese Government and his sightedness from the first. When, a few years | company to open a service to Chile next yearago, the Tokyo Railway Company, with a sub. In this way does the Government foster commerce scribed capital of 60,000,000 yen, was formed with other countries, at the same time helping by the amalgamation of the three existing tramway companies, an agreement was entered into with the city authorities, the one-sided character of development as Japan is now in, and that the of which was not then realised. The company, apparently, blindly entered into this agreement. which bound it to the following conditions:-To surrender its whole property without compensation to the city 50 years from date; to carry out certain extensions in the suburbs; to pay a certain tax to the city from which the latter hoped to derive an income of about 300,000 yen; and to charge a fare fixed in consultation with the city. These conditions attended. Lady Lugard looks well and received are hanging heavily on the neck of the company a constant succession of congratulations upon to-day. They were made in times of great her recovery from the indisposition which the experience that they have had since.

UNPROFITABLE EXTENSIONS. Apparently the item which has worked most to the disadvantage of the company in the above agreement is that compelling it to make extensions in the suburbs. The expense is heavy and the lines when in working order are unremunerative under the present system of fares by which for four sen passengers can travel any distance. Citizens not only reap an advantage from the tramway, and landlords an increase of property value, but the city derives great advantage from the improvement of streets Wherever the lines go they carry reform Narrow, crooked, ill-paved, unlighted, depressing suburban . thoroughfares are straightened, broadened, lighted, and levelled up in a manner that must be very pleasing indeed to a negative local administration whose idea of mending roads is that of the backwoods. In short it may be said that the tramway carries civilisation with it in the suburbs but the unfortunate shareholder has to pay and get no profit in return.

THE FARE QUESTION. Profitless, at least, will be his lot until the international importance was on the board instead officials have not been idle. of a paltry increase of fare. Then there is the perhaps this unanswerable argument will be years. more effective than have been the arguments on the subject pro and con hitherto, as the public have simply refused to be convinced while the company was paying the ordinary dividend. POSITION OF THE SHABEHOLDERS.

The Tokyo Railway Company may be described as one of the largest Japanese and the largest foreign concern in this country. The subscribed capital is 60,000,000 yen of which 37,000,000 yen is paid up. Over 20,000 shares are held by foreigners, representing a million Fallières was seized by the neck by a waiter and a quarter yen paid up and foreigners are more largely interested in this than in any other sident's beard. Mattis was arrested. He concern, foreign or Japanese. A peculiar situation has arisen with regard to the new shares of the company. When the last call was made some months ago, owing to the stringency then stolen. prevailing, shareholders were given the option of paying in or paying the company interest at his walk and lunched with his usual appetite. the rate of 7.3 per cent on their unpaid share. Therefore if the coming sharoholders' meeting adopts the present dividend of 4 per cent., holders of new shares who have not paid in will be debtors to the company to the extent of 3.3 per | plexion. Mrs. Ellen's Crême Charmante, Lait cent on their holding. Whereas it universally anticipated that the company would declare the usual dividend—as it is able to do leaving the unpaid new-share holders debtors to

the extent of 3 per cent, they are to be made debtors to the extent of 3.3 per cent. Thus one irregularity leads to another. The whole situation of the company is full of interest, and the coming meeting of shareholders will most likely be an exciting one.

QUEENS OF THE PACIFIC. On the other side of the Pacific they are lamenting the decay of their mercantile marine. while Japanese owners are continuously expanding. These are thoughts as one looks at such a vessel as the new Chiyo Mary, which has just left for Hongkong on her maiden voyage. The T.K.K. fleet is now worthy of the Atlantic, and when the T.K.K., N.Y.K., and C.P.R. will share the Pacific passenger trade between yen. Instead of using the bulk of this in a them. The two former companies are makfollows:-To reserve for depreciation 500.000 Francisco and Scattle. We are on the eve. too. yen, to amortization fund 175,000, ven, to dividend of developments further south, in Columbia and at 4 per cent. 870,000 yen, carried forward to- Chile, both of which countries are new "opened" gether with sum from last account, over to Japan by treaty of commerce, and the attractions of both are being more or less advertised in this country as fields for Japanese emigrants No conservative business man could find and commerce. In Tokyo there is established infant industry. There can be no question that this policy is the right one at such a stage result with be the ultimate domination of the trade of the Pacific of vessels under the Japanese flag.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Lady Lugard's first "At Home" since her return to the Colony was given yesterday, and it is unnecessary to say that it was very largely business activity and expansion, and the obliged her ladyship to leave Hongkong for the representatives of the company were without summer. The orchestral band of The Buffs was in attendance at the "At Home," and with dancing in the ball-room, and refreshments in the supper rooms and on the lawn, a pleasant couple of hours were spent.

> This evening His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard are giving a dinner in honour of Their Excellencies the Japanese Ambassador and Madame Kato.

The following guests have been invited:-Sir Francis and Lady Piggott, and Miss Oxley; the Hon. Mr. May, C.M.G., and Mrs. May; the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock; Admiral of the Fleet Sir James Erskine, K.C.B., Ladyand Miss Erskine; Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Lyon; Captain Erskine R.N.; Captain Marquis L. Visconti ; Captain Baron Meyern Hohenberg ; H.E. Major-General Broadwood, C.B.; Colonel Darling R.E.; Lt.-Colonel Chamier, C.M.G., and Mrs. Chamier; Captain Heathcote, A.D.C.; the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Lander; Mr. and Mrs. Funatsu; Comm. and Mrs. Volpicelli; Mr. Wilder; Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL

A curious feature of this year's Christmas mind this might seem an ordinary necessary of | Mail was that people did not seem anxious to business, but not to one acquainted with business | claim their parcels. Notwithstanding the notice affairs in this country. First of all, by the in the newspapers that the Post Office would be kong. The absence of the register would no agreement itself, nothing can be done without open on Christmas morning when parcels would the consent of the city authorities, and through be handed over to the addressees, not many took those officials, the central Government authori- advantage of this facility. Yesterday, however ties. These operations involve an amount of saw very few left of the big parcels mail, and when negotiation inconceivable to a more practical it is remembered that the parcels for Hongkong mind, suggesting in fact that a matter of vital numbered 1,199 it will be realised that the postal

It is interesting to learn that the rat poison opposition of a more or less corrupt Press and introduced have kept the rodente away from the the more feared opposition of the lower classes, packages. Puddings, as usual, constituted a large which might take the form of car smashing porportion of this mail, and though some had no under the smallest incitement. These are forces other covering than brown paper they were not the authorities have been unpleasantly reminded attacked by the rats. Practically the only Fifty-two police and Republican Guards of on previous occasions when the people accident was to a "Merry Widow" hat which were injured during the recent riots; fifty. have shown their displeasure at official acts was consigned from London. As the average But still, the people are not blind to what is parcel mail is about 350, the figure already just. The company shows by its accounts that mentioned, 1,199, indicates a heavy Christmas the present 4 sen fare is unremunerative and parcel mail, heavier indeed than in previous

> Statistics of the letter post are not available. but there can be little doubt that the number dealt with this year shows an advance on previous years, there being no less than 140 bags for Hongkong.

CHRISTMAS ROBBERIES.

During the holidays thieves are reported to have entered the Robinson Piano Co. store Des Vœux Road, by breaking a pane of glass in one of the side windows and entering through the window. When the manager of the Company returned to the office yesterday he found the back door open and an examination revealed the fact that 100 Chinese gramaphone records valued at \$120 had been

Another attempt was made to break into Diss Brothers' tailoring establishment, but was not attended with success, the thieves evidently being disturbed in their work.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

The cargo of the British steamer Kalomo which was destroyed by fire at Singapore was consigned to Manila. On board the Kalomo and lost with the vessel, were 86,000 pesos worth of goods for the Bureau of Supplies and 2,000 new books for the American circulating library of Manila. Vast quantities of Christmas goods were among the cargo. Messrs. Erlanger and Gallinger, of Manila, are among the Mr. M. A. Clarke and coming over on the vessel, having been lost. The wonderful scenic railway which was to delight old and young, at the great Tondo playgrounds, has found a resting place at the bottom of the sea, a plaything for the pranks of the finny denizons of the deep tons displacement, built only last year at Port Glasgow by R. Duncan and Co., Ltd. The Kalomo was owned by the past had been under charter to the American-Manchurian Steamship Company, plying between the Atlantic seaboard and Oriental ports.

The fire on the China Navigation Company's steamer Tsinan, which occurred recently when the steamer was a few hours out from Kobe broke out among bales of cotton. This cotto had been loaded at Shanghai, and that portion of the lading affected by the fire was destined for Yokkaichi. There were on board at the time 480 bales of raw cotton and 200 found in the coolie's possession, but no tobacco. He stated that he had been smoking in the hold. in company with other coolies, whilst working in the harbour of Kobe, but missing the boat which conveyed the coolies back to shore, he concealed himself in the hold. It is believed however, that the man was attempting to travel to Yokohama free of charge. He was handed over to the police.

We notice that the well known conster, the Kwong Sang, lying at the Hongkong and Kowloon's West Point wharf is gaily decorated, This is not only in honour of the festive season. but because she is at present on her 100t regular trip from Shanghai and Swatow to Hongkong and Canton. She has met with great good fortune for during the whole time she has never, to use a nautical expression, broken a ropeyarn. Her owners, the Indo-China Company, as well as her genial commander Capt. W. P. Parker are to be congratulated on the performance. May the Kwong Sana make her next century with the same success!

the latest Mail :-

"Having noted, in the Hongkong Daily Press general extension of the principle. of December 10th, that the s.s. Asia, due here to-day, after encountering a typhoon, when cleaning tubes, found that sixteen fish had got will next year include among the vessels down the funnel, in the interests of all concerned regularly frequenting it no fewer than nine I would ask: Did these fish jump down the passenger steamers of the newest and largest funnel for shelter and warmth, or were they class. There is first of all the Minner aska, a merely dipped up as the ship rolled, and also, | twin-screw steamship of 14,500 tons just built what description of fish were they-dolphins. for the Atlantic Transport Company. Then porpoises or wholes? Any information in this respect will obligely ours cheerfully—Enquirer P.S. Also were the fish properly cooked when found, and were they served as a part of the Asia's famous cuisine?

On her last trip to Cebu the s.s. Hoichow rescued three Chinese seamen from a wrecked junk some 80 miles from Hongkong. The sailors were taken the round trip and back to Hongkong yesterday. A number of the inhabitants of Cebu entertained the seamen while the Hoichow was at that port, and before they left a collection was made on their behalf, and the sum of 300 pesos realised. The sailors were yesterday handed over to the Registrar-General.

The Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, on her last outward trip was christened "the royal yacht" at Honolulu on account of the number of royalties among its passengers. The passengers, of whom there were 556, included a queen, a princess, two princes and a vicercy, and from the liner's fore there fluttered the royal dragon flag of China. The liner looked like a yacht as it rounded to off the barge office in the early morning sunshine. Freighted with a cargo that trimmed the hull to show its line to best advantage the Mongolia's paint work was fresh and the brass work shining. It was big for a yacht, but it looked the part just the same.

steamer Chiyo-maru by the Japanese Communications Department stating that the vessel is qualified to receive the bonnty provided by the now well employed, and more work is expected period from the 14th instant to November 26th reference to several turbine steamers for the nort year. A similar certificate valid from the Italian State Railways, six steam launches for 15th instant to October 24th next year, has the Government of Uruguay, ten vessels for a Europe.

A somewhat serious collision occurred at Woosung last week, by which a cargo boat and a valuable cargo of hides were sunk and a number of coolies had narrow escapes from drowning.

the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., was lying alongside the N.Y.K. steamer Wakasa Maru, unloading hides into the steamer for transhipment to Europe, and while the coolies were engaged in their work the M.B.K. steamer Asosan Maru, 1,217 tons, Captain Tsuiji, from Japan with a cargo of coal, was observed coming into Woosung at a good speed. She did not appear to be altering her course, but seemed to be making straight for the mail steamer heaviest sufferers from the disaster, their alongside of which were a number of lighters, loss including fourteen motor cycles and a large When it was seen that a collision was inevitable consignment of shoes for the enlisted force of the coolies on boat No. 6 made a scramble the Philippines constabulary, manufactured to save themselves, some jumping on other under contract with that firm in the United boats, but before all of them could gain States. The opening of the Palomar Park, a place of safety the encoming steamer Manila's Coney Island, will be retarded inde. struck the lighter a terrific blow, tearing the finitely by the sinking of the Kalomo, the whole side out of the cargo boat, which sank in fixtures and materials for which, imported by less than two minutes, leaving those of the crew who had not gained the Asosan Maru, when the collision occurred, floundering in the river. Fortunately there was no loss of life, though the boat will prove a total loss and her cargo of hides, even if recovered, will be badly damaged. The Wakasa Maru was not damaged but it is was a modern freight carrier believed that the Asosan Maru sustained some slight damage, though not enough to prevent her from comming up river to her wharf. It is understood that the steering gear of the steamer Bucknall S. S. lines, Ltd., and for some time in some manner became disabled and the ship versels being laid up instead of being run at a refused to answer her helm.

Japanese press that the Kawasaki Dockyard fleet during the war with Japan. They were was to be purchased by the Government "owing to the infavourable condition of the business' has been authoritatively denied by the Vice-President of the Company, who adds that at present there is plenty of work on hand in spite of the general financial and trade depression. The vessels under construction at the Dockyard or ordered include two of 8,600 tons each for packages of hemp, and the damage done is the Nippon Yusen Kaisha; three for the Osaka estimated at 50,000 yen. Most of the cargo was | Shosen Kaisha; a torpedo-boat destroyer for insured in Shanghai offices. It appears that a Siam; and four dredgers for the Government and Japanese coolie was found in the hold in a very Tokushima Prefecture. A steam turbine for a exhausted condition. When the officers were | battleship building for the Imperial Navy is also trying to trace "the smell of something burn- being made at the Dockyard. At the Company's ing" they heard sounds of knocking in the branch works, tramcars are being constructed hold, and thus discovered the coolie and the fire for the Hiogo and Hanshin electric lines, at the same time. Two boxes of matches were locomotives and bridges for the Imperial Railway Board, the framework of a pier for Fusan, and pipes for the Osaka waterworks. The number of persons employed by the Company had continued to run all the steamer at their has steadily increased of late years and in every respect it may be regarded as a flourishing concern. The Vice-President also said that the Government was not in need of the Dockyard as it had very complete plants at Kure and Yokosuka, including facilities for the construction of five battleships at one time.

The London Daily Telegraph says :- Official announcement is made that the load-line regulations for German shipping recently approved by the German Government will be accepted by our Board of Trade as sufficient, if complied with, to satisfy the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act. In other words, when, next October, we proceed to enforce loadline regulations against foreign ships, a German vessel which has complied with German regulations will not be liable to detention, as may be the vessels of other nationalities. In this way the officers will favour the public by answering | But that is not the least advantage. If two the questions in the following letter which maritime countries like Great Britain anp we find in a Manila contemporary to hand by Germany can come to a reciprocal arrangement on this subject, it is not too much to hope for a

> It is worth noting that the Port of London the P. and O. Company will have three brand new mail boats of 11,000 tons each, running to' Australia in its mail service. The Orient Company will also be in possession of five new mail steamers, each of between 11,000 and 12,000 tons, which will also leave at regular intervals, in connection with the Commonwealth main service. Altogether these nine boats will mark an addition of upwards of 100,000 tons of the most modern and up-to-date steam tonnage. This scarcely looks as though London is going to be left all behind in the race, notwithstanding the dismal predictions which have been uttered respecting the successful rivalry of the competing port of Southampton.

> An indication that the outlook in regard to shipping is improving is provided by the fact that the White Star cargo service between New York and Liverpool, withdrawn nearly five months ago owing to depression, was resumed last month by the sailing from the Mersey of the steamer Armenian. At weekly intervals the Georgic, Bovic, and Victoria will be despatched, thus bringing into operation 35,000 tons of shipping. The Cevic, now engaged on the Australian route, will also shortly rejoin the New York freight service.

The revival in shipbuilding remarks a London contemporary, is becoming more pronounced and A certificate has been granted to the T.K.K. there are prospects of fair employment at most of the shipyards during the winter.

On the Clyde and Tyne most of the yards ar Steam Nayigation Encouragement Law for a The inquiries which are in circulation have been granted to the N.Y.K. steamer Hirano-, Turkish company, and five steamers for the maru. Now in port on her maiden trip to Russian Volunteer Fleet, which are to cost about £360,000.

At Belfast night shifts will be necessary to complete the work at present in hand, and when the vessels under construction are off the ways there are others to follow. In addition to the

The registered cargo boat No. 6, belonging to I two big. White Star boats, Mesers. Harland Wolff have secured an order from the Red Star Line, of Antwerp, for a 15,000-ton steamer for the New York service, in addition. to other vessels of smaller size. So busy is this firm that intimation has been given to the Admiralty to the effect that Government work cannot be entertained.

Another Belfast concern, Messrs. Workman Clark and Co., have received instructions to complete the six unfinished vessels on their hands for the Brazilian Lloyd, while other contracts have been secured which will keep them busy for greater part of next year.

Further evidence of improvement is a greater demand for material. Several mills which have been idle for many months have been restarted. These all produce steel ship-plates and angles, and the fact that they are about to assume active operations serves to show that the shipbuilding outlook is at last promising.

P. AND O. REPORT.

The report of the directors for the year ended September 30 states that the profit for the year is equal to 9 per cent. on the paid-up capital of £2,320,000. The directors remark that the mileage of the fleet is considerably under that cleast year, owing to the number of cargo length into the questions raised by the seizure in 1904 of the Malacca and the Formosa in the The rumour recently circulated in the Red Sea by a vessel of the Russian Volunteer subsequently released through the prompt action of his Majesty's Government. It was difficult to assess accurately the damage inflicted on the company by this action on the part of the Russian Government, but the directors "gave chapter and verse "for a claim which they sent in the case of the Malacca affair. After a delay of more than three years, an offer of £10,000, which the Secretary of State assured the directors was final and could not be amended. was accepted, inadequate as it was. Some observations are made on the inquiry into shipping agreements carried out by the Royal Commission, and the statement submitted by Sir Thomas Sutherland, and the evidence subsequently given by him before the Commission. have been printed as an appendix to the report. In their summary of the operations of the

year the directors say :-At the end of March, which is the close of the financial half-year, the directors were in position to state that there had been no actual falling off in the freight receipts, and if they disposal for the remainder of the year these receipts would probably have shown some advance over the figures of the previous year. But with the heavy cost of fuel and other supplies, and the lower trend of freights, it is certain that an increase in revenue would have been attended with a higher corresponding expenditure; and the directors therefore decided run them at a loss.

As the account stands, there is a falling off in freight, as compared with last year, of £35.534. which is a little over 2 per cent. on the £1.555.615 revenue in 1906.7 under this head. Considering the general state of trade throughout the world, this cannot be held to be a large deficit, especially with a certain number ships laid up. The different lines vary a little in their results, but the loss of revenue this year might, in fact, be superficially accounted for by the restricted movement of specie, which is a business entirely dependent on the exchanges, and is in no sense within company's control.

The passenger returns show an apparent deficit, as compared with last year, would have been considerable. Seeing that for the three years previous to that now under review the passenger traffic had continued to rise until it was £200,000 above its former limit, some slight reaction might perhaps have unticipated, but the actual shrinkage daring the past 12 months has been absormal. American crisis, the general depression in the value of securities, and the uneasiness in India | that in all the great oriental commercial have combined seriously to interfere with the movement of passengers.

The net result of the operations of the year shows a decline of profit, as compared with the preceding 12 months, amounting to £46.781. The additional charge for coal alone is £43,466. although the mileage is considerably under that of the previous year. The total excess of navigation charges amounts to £66,000, against which, happily, there are economies, the chief of which is a diminution of insurance claims to the extent of nearly £25,000.

The directors recommend the payment of a dividend on the Deferred stock at the rate of 63 per cent. and a bonus of 3 per cent., or 91 per cent., making, with the dividend in June of 31 per cent., a distribution of 13 per cent. on this stock for the year. A balance of £58,425 is carried forward.

RAILWAY AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE IN CHINA.

At the London Institution. Finsbury Crous last month, Lord Ronaldshay, M.P., delivered a lecture on "Railway and Commercial Enterprise in China at the Dawn of the 20th Century." After alluding to the enormous mineral resources of the country, he said that at the present time the vast area of the country was traversed by thousands of miles of medieval communications, but it was in the direction of improved communications that China was making most headway under the stimulus of her growing ambitions. The first railways which were built were constructed, controlled and owned by foreign Governments, but China soon became alive to the danger of these political weapons in the hands of the foreigner. After the war between Russia and Japan the changed attitude of China towards Europe was reflected in her railway agreements. Since the Canton-Kaulung loan agreement loan contracts had been arranged for the construction of two other important railways-namely, for the Tientsin-Pukou railway and the Hangchou-Ningpo line. In these cases the loans were guaranteed by the Chinese Government, but the railways themselves were not mortgaged as security, and the European experts had no position except that of employes in the service of the Chinese Railway Administration. He was by no means certain that the average investor in these two ventures realized how great was the change in the conditions under which he had invested his money and probably when it did dawn fully upon him he would make up his mind that next time the Chinese wanted his money they would have to offer him something and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai more than an Imperial edict by way of security.

EXEMPLARY SENTENCES.

Mr. J. R. Wood passed exemplary sentences on two natives at the Police Court yesterday, both defendants being found guilty of snatching jewellery from Chinese women. In the first case an old woman was walking along a lane at West Point with her granddaughter when the defendant went up behind her and snatched s gold ear ring from her ear, tearing the flesh o the ear as he pulled the jewel off. The complainant seized the thief, and with the assistance of a Chinese hawker took him to the Police Station. His Worship convicted the defendant on the evidence, sentenced him to twelve months imprisonment and ordered that he receive twelve strokes of the birch on admission, and twelve on his discharge.

In the other case while a Chinese lady was examining some porcelain at a stall in Queen's Road a man snatched an ear pick from her coiffure and ran away. She gave chase, calling thief" as she ran. A Chinese detective secured the snatcher and yesterday his Worship sentenced him to six months' imprisonment and 24 strokes of the birch, twelve on admission to jail and twelve on his discharge.

SIR EDWARD GREY AND THE GERMAN CRISIS.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the course of a recent speech referred in the following terms to the crisis in Ger-

"Since the Prime Minister spoke there has been one other matter abroad in certain debates in the German Parliament which arose out of an article published in an English newspaper. Those debates have raised very interesting questions, but they are questions which, in the main. concern Germany, and upon which, therefore, it is not for us to comment, because foreign counthrough the Foreign Office of £25,000 as damages | tries do not care to have their domestic affairs commented upon abroad, even though the comment may be favourable. Therefore, my only reason for introducing this subject at all is this -that the circumstances of those debates in the German Parliament were such as to cause the representatives of the various parties of the people in Germany to speak their mind with exceeding freedom. Any one has followed those debates would observed that not one word was said by the representatives of any party in Germany which indicated on the part of the Germans any hostility towards this or any other country. (Cheers. I should like that that should be noted, should be appreciated, should be reciprocated and reflected in any language which is used in this country towards the German nation." (Renewed cheers.)

CHINA A DESIRABLE MARKET.

VIEWS OF MR. F. LOOMIS. "The Chinese market is going to be one of the greatest and most desirable in the whole world. It is growing better every day. The wealth and purchasing power of the Chinese people are increasing rapidly everyyear, and it seems to lay up some of the cargo vessels rather than to me that it is of the highest importance that we gain a substantial foothold in that market and hold it by virtue of the excellence, attractiveness and desirability of our products, and by reason, too, of our deserved reputation for fair dealing and for courtesy and generosity in business."-This is the statement made to a representative of the San Francisco Call on November 22nd by Mr. Francis B. Loomis, commissioner general of the United States to the Tokyo exposition and former assistant secretary of state.

After an extended tour of Japan and China as the United States government's representacommission concerning arrangements for the big affair, Mr. Francis B. Loomis returned on the steamer Mongolia. While he declarhe warned American shippers that they must attain a high standard of perfection in the preparation of products for Chinese consumption. At the present time, he declared American products have been given a somewhat bad name because of the poor condition in which much of the exports reach China.

"I heard from a number of authoritative, responsible sources, both in China and Japan centres, such as Shanghai, Canton, Hongkong and Yokohama, that there is a general complaint in respect to the careless and wholly unsatisfactory manner in which much of the American dried fruits, preserved fruits. crackers and like articles are packed and shipped to these far eastern markets. Two of the important men in China, one a great merchant and the other a banker, stated to me that the Chinese are very fond of American canned preserves and dried fruits and that the market for the latter might be almost indefinitely increased, were it not for the fact that a short time after their arrival in oriental ports American dried fruits are found to be either moldy or in a worms' condition.'

That Japan's emigration policy has been altered to a noticeable extent is evident according to Mr. Loomis. He declared that the imperial government has adopted the policy of keeping its people at home and to discourage emigration to foreign countries. Especially is the government anxious to check the flow of Japanese to America and South America.

SNOW IN JAPAN.

A train carrying about 125 passengers, says a Kobe paper, which left Hirasaki Station at 3.30 on the afternoon of December 14, encountered a great snow storm when about two miles from Ikarigaseki. It was impossible to see even six feet shead, and eventually the train ran into a huge snow drift which had been piled up by the wind, and was brought to an entire standstill. The snowfall steadily increased, and for a time there was some danger that the passengers would be frozen to death, but, fortunately, the officials at the nearest stations, on learning of the mishap, hurried coolies to the aid of the train, and at the end of an hour it was again able to move forward. At the next station steam pipes were heated to give relief to the half-frozen pasengers, none of whom came to any harm.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. str. Sydney with the French Mail of the 6th inst., and mails from London of the 5th inst., left Singapore on the 28th inst. at 4 and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning the 4 prox., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

The mails from Hongkong per T.K.K. str. Nippon Maru on 28th ult. were delivered in San Francisco on the 25th inst. The C.P.R. str. Empress of India left Yokohama at noon on Sunday the 27th inst. for

Victoria and Vancouver. The C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan arrived Nagasaki at 9 a.m. on Monday the 28th inst., where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m. on the 30th inst.

THE SHANGHAI ARSON CASE.

The trial of Paul Floor was concluded last week in the Supreme Court at Shanghai. Accused was charged with feloniously, unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to dwellinghouse No. 131 Range Road with intent thereby to defraud on October 15, 1908. The Jury found the prisoner guilty: Mr. Justice Bourne in passing sentence said :- Paul Floer, you have been tried and quite rightly convicted of one of the worst crimes that a man can be guilty of It seems to be worse than murder—certainly than murder in hot blood. It is not only the absolute disregard of human life. I shall have to sentence you to two years' imprisonment with When it appeared that the curtain had rung

down on the actions of Paul Floer for at least another two years and nine months a sensational and unexpected incident took place, the N.-C. Daily News says. After sentence, which was pronounced about 5 p.m., Floer left the Court in the custody of the Chief Constable of the gaol. It was dark at the time, and raining heavily, and as His Majesty's Government does not provide vehicles for taking prisoners backwaand forwards between the gaol and the Court there was no alternative but to walk back or put the prisoner in a ricsha. His custodian chose the latter course, and put his charge into a ricsha, at the corner of Yuen-ming-yuen and Peking Roads. Then, jumping into a second ricsha, he followed, as he thought, close behind. At the end of Peking Road, however, the first riceha turned off in the wrong direction, and when the Constable jumped out, and stopped it. he discovered that the occupant was not Paul Floer. The police were at once informed by telephone, and throughout last evening a vigorous search was made for the convict. At 12.50 a.m Floor was recognized by P.C. Wills riding in a ricsha near the Hongkew Fire Station and was

promptly arrested. In another issue our contemporary observes: -Now that the charge of arson against Paul Floer has been disposed of, it would be interesting to know whether any steps will be faken against Mrs. von Herpe (the landlady of the boarding house in which the fire occurred) Mr. Bournes in summing up at the conclusion of the Floer case said, "If he is guilty, she is guilty too. A clear prima facie case of conspiracy has been made out. If Mrs. Herpe were a British subject she would have been charged with the accused, but as we cannot control other tribunals, our Courts have to do their duty and leave them to do theirs." Mrs. von Herpe is a Belgian. We understand that the police have already made two applications for her arrest, but that on each occasion a warrant was refused.

FOOCHOW RACES.

The Foochow Echo, reporting the races, says it must be many years since Foochow has seen so many first class ponies on its race course and has been fortunate enough to have sufficient riders at hand to fulfil all demands.

Owing to the indefatigable labours of the popular clerk of the course, the track was in excellent condition in spite of the rains of the previous week.

The racing generally was excellent and wners and jockeys should alike feel satisfied. The last half mile, 1.01, in the Hongkong Cup was excellent and what was otherwise a slow race resulted in an excellent finish.

What was probably one of the best finishes the meeting was seen in the last race of the third day, viz the Ledger Cup. Away to an excellent start El Crioll took the lead at the back straight and led away until the home straight. though nothing could save a dead heat, but in the last stride or two Spots went ahead and tive to confer with the Japanese exposition head separating second and third. The Champions resulted in an easy win for Heraldic the issue never being in doubt for

justified his previous performances in Hankow. A most regrettable accident occured on the second day in the Foochow Stakes. Mr. Gresson bumped the rails and broke and bruised his leg very badly. He pluckily stuck to his mount and rode a good second on Mohawk Chief. He was taken to the Hospital for treatment.

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The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-On the 28th at 11.55 a.m.—The depression is moving away over the Pacific to the E.N.E

siderably in S. Japan. Pressure has increased slightly in S. China and given way moderately in N. China. Another depression is probably advancing towards Manchuria from the Westward. Pressure is highest over the Yangtze valley.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formess Channel and strong monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.00 inches.

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THE JAPANESE REBATE ON SUGAR.

REPEAL OF DUTY ON UNREFINED SUGAR URGED. Referring to the rebate on sugar duty, which

bids fair to become one of the important questions in the forthcoming session of the Diet, the Jiji Shimpo says that the operation of the sugar duty rebate law now in force will expire in March 31st, 1909, and much discussion is now going on as to the advisability or otherwise of continuing it in force. According to the provisions of the existing law, in the event of refined or rock sugar being manufactured and consumed in the was reached when he was challenged by Spots | country from imported material below No. 8 with Frosty Morn close behind. It looked as Dutch standard, a rebate of Y1.45 per 100 kin is allowed, while on qualities between Nos. 8 and 15 the rebate made is Y1.95. Further, if the was declared winner by half a head, about a sugar is exported the rate of rebate allowed is Y1.65 and Y2.25 respectively. The repeal of the law will greatly affect the interests of sugar manufacturers, and it is not therefore surprising moment. This pony therefore adds another that they should do their utmost to ensure its The Asia being with us again, perhaps one of possibilities of difficulty, is likely to be avoided. Without the surfax imposed in consequence of the present rebate is based on the duty, and in case of domestic consumption about 10 per cent. less than the duty is to be returned. This complicated system of rebates is due to the desire of the Government to afford protection by means of a tariff policy to manufacturers of refined and unrefined sugar at the same time. All sugar below No. 15 Dutch standard is used exclusively as material for refined sugar, and if the Government was desirous of encouraging the sugar industry the importation of unrefined sugar should have been allowed duty-free. The existence of the import duty on the product, however, was suggested by the desire to protect Japanese manufacturers of unrefined sugar against foreign competition. Properly speaking, continues the Jiji, the duty on refined sugar should also be increased to a certain degree so as to compensate sugar manufacturers for the loss they are obliged to incur by the use of materials which are taxed. The Government, however, is unable to do this owing to the existence of the Conventional tariffs, and it has consequently been compelled to resort to the complicated system of rebates now in operation. So long as the Government aims to protect manufacturers of both refined and unrefined sugar against the Conventional tariff stipula. tions, continues the Tokyo journal, the existence of such a system of rebates is inevitable. It must be presumed that the cause of all the trouble is to be sought in the existence of an import tariff on unrefined sugar. If this were abolished the question would be easily solved, as there would be no necessity for retaining the system of relates now in force. Some may think that the free importation of unrefined sugar woulddamage the Japanese industry, but the latter has now progressed to such a stage as to be able to hold its ground against the foreign product, which. though it may be admitted duty-free, is handicapped by freight and other burdens. Even supposing it were necessary, to retain the import duy on unrefined sugar there would seem to be no necessity for effecting a rebate amounting to almost the whole of the duty on refined sugar intended for domestic consumption. Altogether, concludes the Jiji, the rebate law requires athorough revision as its interpretation of the Bonins, and the barometer has risen conat present means much loss to the country. _Japan Chronicle.

JAPAN'S MONOPOLIES

The following are the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Monopoly Bureau for next fiscal year-1909-10:-

Revenue. Expenditure. Y31,730,000 Tobacco ... Y75,330,000 25,590,000 14,940,000 1,259,000 Camphor ... 1,260,000

Total ... Y102,180,000 Y47,929,000 It will be seen that it is estimated a profit of Y1.000 will be obtained next year on the camphor monopoly.-a somewhat small amount on a turnover of a million and a quarter, but even so an optimistic forecast. Both in salt and tobacco. the "profite" shown arises from an increase in Same as No. 1. price, or, in other words, it is not profit but taxation. - Japan Chronicle.

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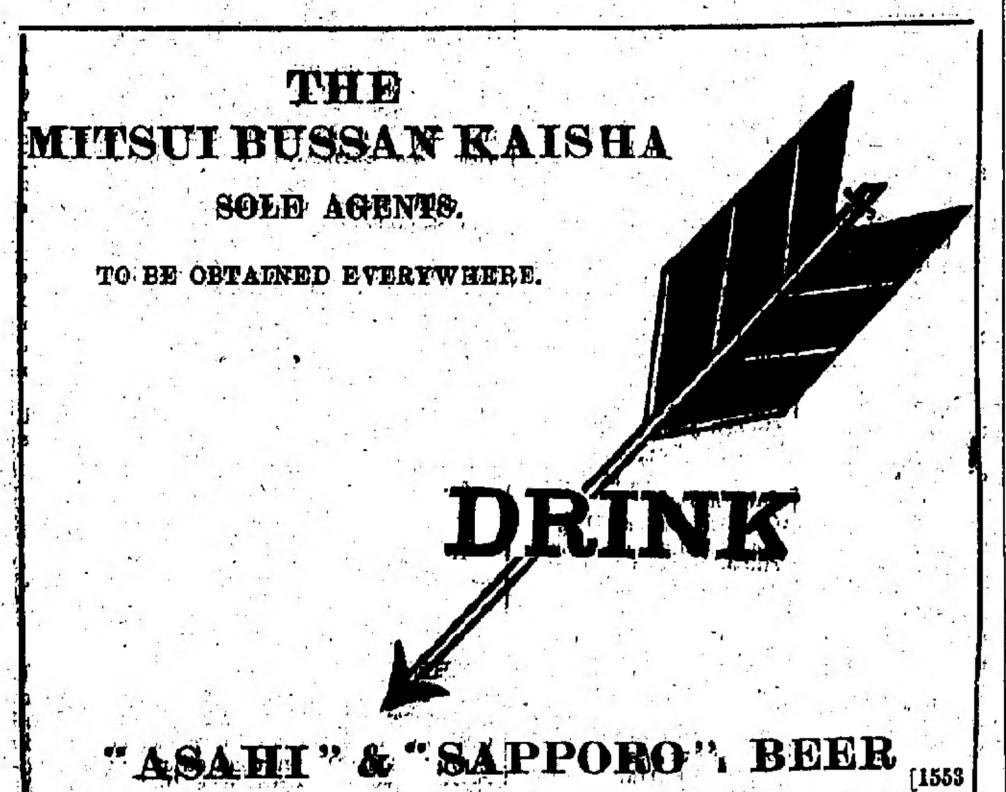
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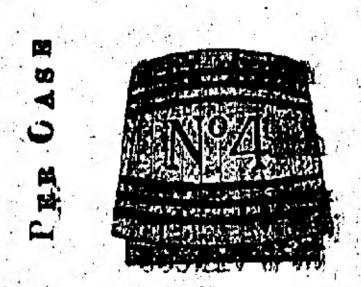
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MEN WERE EQUALLY RICH.

MULTI MILLIONAIRES ON WHAT WOULD

The fallacy of the State ownership of capital, one of the leading Socialist doctrines, is vigorously exposed in articles by the world's Coq., respecting the discoveries in Chinese greatest millionaires, Mr. John D. Rockefeller Turkestan of the Royal Prussian Expedition and Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in the Christmas which he conducted there in 1904-07. number of the World's Work.

ments of both, though Mr. Carnegie develops importance of his discoveries, and to his great his theme more fully.

superior food, raiment and shelter," says Mr. his own part, the life of Captain Sherer, of the Carnegie. "Only a small, a very small, percent- Royal Garrison Artillery, in October, 1906, an age of all his millions can be absolutely wasted, exploit which had secured for him the proud wealth going back to the State, he proclaims no medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. great change in its mission. The State, sole owner, would use it just as the owners now use all but a fraction of it; that is invest it reward of labour."

Mr. Carnegie supposes that a philanthropist has decided to not on the Socialist ideal of distributing his wealth equally among the poor. He gives his money to the crowding thousands and returns at night to see the result, and shudders at the vision that presents itself.

"Are these indeed men and women, or only degraded wretches in a human form?" he asks Is it not evident to all that the first and indis pensable work of the Socialist is the elevation humanity to that standard of conduct which would ensure the wise and sober use of benefac- by Professor Grunwedel's second expedition. period can be extended on application, yet it is tions?

£70 FOR EACH PERSON. "Imagine," Mr. Carnegie says, "every man woman, and child in Britain receiving £70 which is one's proportion of the national wealth if equally divided. What would be the result? than the first.

"It is self-evident that there is at present no foundation on which wealth can be equally distributed."

s desirable, and wealth non-essential: Christopher Furness outlined his scheme of cooperation, for Mr. Carnegie presents the idea of profit-sharing as a solution for the pressing problem of the age.

"Co-partnership," he says, "tends to bring a realising sense of the truth to both labour and capital that their interests, broadly considered, are mutual."

Mr. Rockefeller's views coincide with Mr. Carnegie's. "While men of wealth control great sums of says the richest man in the world,

"they do not and cannot use them for themselves. "Up to the present time no scheme has yet. presented itself which seems to afford a better method of handling capital than that of individual ownership.

"We might put out money into the Treasury of the nation and of the various States, but we do not find any promise in the national or State Legislatures, viewed from the experiences of the past, that the funds would be expended for the general weal more effectively than under the present methods, nor do we find in any of the schemes of Socialism a promise that wealth would be more wisely administered for the general good."

THE PANAMA CANAL,

Dr. Vaughan Cornish delivered a lecture on 'The Panama Canalin 1908" before a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, held last month at the Theatre. Burlington-gardens, London. Major Leonard Darwin, the president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. Dr. Cornish, after observing that during Aprilof the present year he, with the sauction of the American Government, made a careful examination of the Panama Canal works, and of the conditions of life on the Isthmus, said he found that the organization had been perfected since his previous visit in January, 190/2 and that the work was proceeding smoothly and with such despatch that, if the present rate of progress (were maintained the canal would be open in 1915. The making of the canal involved two tasks imagnely, excavation and the construction of damp and looks. The controlling feature the scheme was the great dam at. Gatun, which would retain a lake 164 square miles in area, that was to say, twice the size of Lago Maggiore. Unfortunately, it was necessary to build the dam upon a bottom consisting partly of clay and partly of gravel and sandi The locks would be 1,000ft. long, and 110ft. wide; the depth of the canal would be 41ft, and its least width at bottom 200ft. It would thus afford a waterway for the largest ships of commerce or war built, building, or contemplated. The operation and the defence of the canal would be undertaken solely by the United States but by the provisions of a Treaty with Great Britain, it would be open on equal terms to navigation by ships of war, and commerce of all nations alike, both in peace and war. Dr. Cornish gave some figures showing reductions in the steaming distances of ships which would be effected by the ganal, which itself would be 41 miles long. From New York to Panama, or any port on the Bacific coast of America north thereof, there would be a reduction of 8,400 miles. From New York to ports on the American Pacific coast south of Panama the reduction would vary from 8,400, to about 1,000 miles, on

CRECHE IN SHOP WINDOW.

5,000 and about 2,000 miles respectively.

BABIES PLAY, EAT AND SLEEP AT WHITELEY'S

average about 5,000 miles. The corresponding

reduction from Liverpool to those cousts was

Babies, in spite of the decline of the birthrate, are still frequent in London. Nevertheless, a group of four or five "common or garden' babies, as a schoolboy would term them, successfully held the interest of a large crowd one day last month.

The National Society of Day Nurseries could not have hit on a better advertisement for their excellent work than the establishment of a model creche in the window of one of Messrs." Whiteley's shops in Queen's-road, Bayswater. There four or five infants can be received. They are first washed in a beautiful porcelain

bath, and then introduced to the shop window, which serves at once as dormitory and playroom. Delightful bassinettes and cots are ready for them when they are sleepy. A low table with miniature chairs is provided for such toddlers as are old enough to sit up to meals. There are toys and games of all sorts, and two or three kindly nurses watch their comfort in

not the least evil that followed.

DISCOVERIES IN TURKESTAN.

There was a large attendance at the Theatre. Burlington-gardens, London W., on the 30th ult, at a meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society convened to hear a lecture from Dr. A. von Le

Lord Reay, the president, was in the chair, There is a striking similarity in the argu- and in introducing the lecturer referred to the bravery in saving, under almost insuperable "All that the millionaire can get out of life is difficulties and with great risk and privation on "When the Socialist, therefore, speaks of all distinction of being the first winner of the gold large number of photographic lantern slides estimate of the Forest Department, the Amur showing the topographical conditions in which and Maritime provinces contain 509,000,000 in some of the multiform ways leading to the the expedition carried on its work, and giving acres of forest land. It is by no means so typical examples of the statuary, paintings, wall densely timbered, however, as the forests of decorations, manuscripts, and other objects of North America. Both hard and soft woods are archeeological interest secured by the mission. found in considerable variety; the latter include He said that the expedition of M. Klement, a white cedar, pine, larch, fir, and spruce, and the Russian, in the later nineties aroused consider- walnut, ash, and oak. able interest in these regions and led to the Berlin. In 1902-03 Professor Grünnwedal and term of years or by contract. Recent conces-Dr. Huth explored Turfan and its vicinity and sions have been granted for four years only part of the Kucha casis. This journey was (this being the maximum that the Governorfollowed by his own, in 1904-07 which brought General can accord), with an extra year for to Berlin 103 cases of antiquities and MS.; and taking away the timber felled. Though this 1905-07, which yielded results contained in 135 generally recognized that it is too short, and cases. The necessary funds for his own expedi- efforts, which appear likely to prove successful, tion were provided partly by Government and are now being made to have regulations on the partly (as in the case of Professor Grinwedel's subject altered and a longer term allowed. Areas from the privy purse of the Emperor. His time to time put up to auction either at Vladivobefore slowly emerging, the last state worse chief centre was Kao-Chang, near Turfan, being published beforehand. They are adjudged where they spent eight months. Their finds to the highest bidder, who is required to pay and, observations in this ancient capital of down the equivalent of the royalty for one the Turkish Uighurs showed that there year on the number of trees put up to auction, He emphasises the point that only competence lived peaceably together, a fact that spoke each year of the currency of the agreement. volumes for the tolerance and strength of Moreover, in the case of felling rights obtained probably occupied by the Manichaeans. Describ- of a concession, some money deposit will

of a great number of Christian texts in the royalty. Kucha and to Kara-shahr, where their excava- is also an outline map. tions were crowned by the most brilliant

At the conclusion of the lecture, Sir Richard Temple said he was there with Sir Herbert Perrett to represent the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and to say how gratified the Order had been to award to Dr. von le Coq., with the sanction of the Prince of Wales, the first gold medal it had ever issued.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the Chairman, concluded the proceedings.

HOW GERMAN WORKERS ENJOY LIFE.

BRITISH LABOUR M.P.'S STRIKING CONCLUSIONS.

Mr. W. C. Steadman, the Labour M.P., for condition of the working man in Germany. methods of the Fatherland.

Steadman. "But he is much happier and gets springs the next time he is in the Dehli district. signess of cargo are hereby informed that their more joy out of life than the average British | The Provincial Gazetteers contain many refer- | Goods, are being landed and placed at their risk

"It is environment, that makes a man what can we hope to improve him?

"In Germany the State helps the workman. It is not charity; it is assistance needed and deserved. The unemployed there, for instance are much better off than they are in this country. I saw none of the heartbreaking. processions of bedraggled and spiritless men such as are of daily occurrence here.

"The municipal bureau for the unemployed in Berlin is a magnificent building. There are two divisions, occupied respectively by skilled and unskilled toilers. I saw several applications made by workmen, all of whom looked the very picture of health and strength, and ready to do day's work. They were not loafers; they were not idlers. They were men

Germany takes care of her nnemployed. A bureau shoemaker will mend their boots free while they wait, and a tailor will patch up their clothes also without cost." Germany, remarks the Express, is a Protec-

tionist Country.

A TALE OF SPORT.

The Hankow Daily News reports the follow-

ing chapter of accidents which befal a party of down the River towards Tiger Hill. After an ardness day's toil, they returned to the launch with a total bag of five deer, six pheasants, six pigeons, two quail, and a very fine for. Unforturately, through splitting up the party, one member lost himself, but just when search parties were on the point of going out, he put in an appearance. This incident did not end the misfortunes of the day, as before the launch had traversed many miles on its return, about 8 THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP Co., p.m., the engine broke down. Luckily one of the foreigners, had, some technical knowledge of an engine-room, and made such temporary repairs as enabled a fresh start to be made. A short THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM 6 hours. time, however, only elapsed before the launch again failed to proceed, the cause this time being every way.

The model creche was opened by Muriel, Viscountess Helmsley, chairman of the council of the National Society.

It was a matter of common knowledge, she remarked that thousands of poor working great upheaval of water which nearly submerged great upheaval of water which nearly submerged on the council of that thousands of poor working great upheaval of water which nearly submerged on the council of the National Society.

It was a matter of common knowledge, she great upheaval of water which nearly submerged on the cause this time desired to proceed, the cause this time desired to proceed the cause th remarked, that thousands of poor working mothers were compelled to go out to earn their the small launch. The anchor was thrown out, but failed to reach bottom, and the launch drifted helplessly for some time down the river.

DUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the work. The pools have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, was to get as many sixpences as she could by crowding the children into one squalid room. Would ask, is not this a clear judgement on the Office. party for having shot a fox?

THE TIMBER TRADE OF EASTERN SIBERIA.

A "Report on the Lumber Industry in the Russian Far East, by Mr. Vice-Consul Hodgson, has been issued as a Parliamentary White Paper [Cd. 3728-6]. The account which Mr. Hedgson gives of the forests of the Amur region and the prospects of their commercial development is of substantial interest, as the world is now beginning to realize the threatened inadequacy of its timber supply, and to take careful stock of the chief productive areas remaining. Comparatively little attention has so far been paid to the utilization of the forests in the Russian Far East, though concessions have been sporadically worked, and an Australian and a British company have lately been included among those which have acquired concession from Dr. von Le Coo illustrated his lecture with a the Russian Government. According to the

The right to out timber on a large scale may formation of an exploration committee in be obtained either by way of concession for a first journey) by a very considerable contribution | which the Government desires to sell are from Saturnalia for a time, then rich and poor as technical assistant was Mr. Cartus, and their stock or at Khabarovsk, the terms and conditions Christians, Buddhists, and Manichaeans had a certain portion of the forest being allotted for The article must have been written before Sir the Government. The leading position was by auction as well as those obtained in the form ing in detail excavations in monasteries, generally be insisted upon. Felling tickets temples, reliquaries, and other ancient buildings may also be obtained from the local forest at Sangim Aghiz, Bazaklik, Toyoq, and officials, giving the right to cut small quantities elsewhere; Dr. von le Coq referred to the find of timber on payment of the Government

Syriac character and tongue, and also in At present the Russian authorities insert a the modified Syriac alphabet, and in the lost clause in all contracts stipulating that Russian language of the Soundians. It was reserved to labour shall alone be employed. As they are Professor F. W. K. Müller to determine and to actively encouraging immigration, however, the translate a number of these remarkable MSS. resultant hindrance to industry may be expected Attention was called to the great beauty of to diminish. The report includes full schedules much of the statuary, wall-paintings, and of the royalty levied on timber of different designs worked in silk which the mission classes and in the different areas. It also discovered. On his way to join Professor describes the existing facilities for transport Grinwedel in Kashgar-a journey of about and shipping, which are still in a predominantly 2,200 kilométres accomplished in 44 days-he undeveloped state. Other miscellaneous incollected a great deal of valuable information. formation includes the terms of the forest From Kashgar he accompanied the professor to regulations and the scale of export duty. There

INDIA'S MINERAL SPRINGS.

Why is it that the springs of "mineral waters" mercially? Sir Thomas Holland, in his expense exhaustive "Sketch of the Mineral Resources curious features in connection with Indian minerals, for he says there are "numerous hot value of these is purely fanciful is a matter of date they cannot be recognized. small concern for the time being, for whether they have the medicinal properties claimed for have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining them or not, there is no doubt that well advertised mineral waters have an economic value, to rent. which is evident from the fact that numerous varieties from Europe and Japan are scattered over India, and brought to the continual notice of Central Finsbury, is enthusiastic regarding the the travelling public in the railway refreshment rooms. Sir Thomas mentions the hot springs at He is the general secretary to the Parliament- Manikaru in Kalu, where the pilgrims cook ary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, their rice in the hot springs close to the Parbat and with three of his colleagues, Messrs. Bower- river. Others are at Lasundra, in the Kaira man, M.P., Shackleton, M.B., and Thorne district and st Vijrabal in the Thana district, M.P., he has just concluded a week's tour Bombay Presidency. These are springs of through the Kalser's Empire. This was his sulphurous water. He describes several others. third visit to Germany, Mr. Steadman pointed. There is one at Sons, near Gurgaon, in the out to an Express representative recently, and | Lehli district, which we do not remember to have every visit has impressed on him the fact that seen mentioned in any publication. Here are much can be learned in this country from the elaborate baths contracted by the Moghal Emnethods of the Fatherland.

The German workman may work longer been largely used in those inxurious times. Sir hours, and he may receive less money," said Mr. Thomas Holland might examine the Sons hot having arrived from the above Ports. Conences to hot springs to guide private enterprise, in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and but Sir Thomas suggests that more might be Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where he is, and if no steps are taken by the State to done in the way of analysis of the waters, which each consignment will be sorted out mark by lift's man out of wretched surroundings, how would be as interesting from a scientific as mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as possibly from an economic point of view .- the Goods are landed. Times of India.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO.. LIMITED,

AND THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. Co. LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

▲MONSIGNEES of Cargo ex THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP and THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s Steamers are hereby notified that on and Hankow sportsmen who made a week end trip after 1st JANUARY, 1909, all Cargo er these Steamers will be landed into HOLT'S WHARF, KOWLOON, which will be Open from that date to Receive and Store Cargo. For Storage Rates and other particulars,

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NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 P.M., To-DAY requesting it to be Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned, Goods remained unclaimed after TUESDAY the 29th Dec., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th Dec., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on

TUESDAY, the 29th Dec., at 3 R.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. NALIN.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908. SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. HAMBURG. ANTWERP, MID; DLESBROUGH, LONDON AND

STRAITS. THE Steamship

"CARNARYONSHIRE," Captain Ingram, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godowa Company, Ltd., in India have not so far been exploited com- Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to of India" refers to this neglect as one of the be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 3 P.M. All claims must be presented within fifteen and mineral springs." To what extent the days of the steamer's arrival here, after which

> No claims will be admitted after the Goods undelivered after the 29th inst, will be subject

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN TOMES & Co. Agents.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1908.

FROM MIDDLESEOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

TIME Company's Steamship

"SANUKI MARU."

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by 31st Doc., will be

subject to rent No Fire Insurance has been effected. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignoe's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 24th December, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

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Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being lauded and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. Asta, American str., 2,936, Grankroger, 28th December-San Francisco 1st Dec., Mails

and General-O. & O. Co. DALJIN MARU. Japanese str., 1,580, I. Sakurai, 28th Dec. - Swatow 27th Dec., General-Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

HELENE RICKMERS, German str., Betting, 28th Doc.—Moji 22nd Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. HIRANO MARU, Japanese str., 5,282, H. Fraser, 28th Dec.—Yekohama 16th Dec., Rice and

General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Kwongsang, British str., 1,428, Palmer Baker, 28th Dec.—Shanghai and Swatow 27th Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. OBANGE BRANCH, Britith str., 2,197, J. Mc. Clelland, 27th Dec.—Sydney via ports 17th Nov., Sleepers and General—Dodwell & Co.

PHEUMPENH, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott, 28th Dec.-Saigon 23rd Dec., General-Chinese. LINAN, British str., 1,350, C. C. Williams, 28th

Dec.-Wuliu via Chinking and Shanghai 24th Dec., Rice-Butterfield & Swire. Loongsang, British str., 1,099, S. J. Payne, 27th Dec.-Manila 24th Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TAKASAKI MARU, Jap. str., 2,943, Macker, 28th Dec.—Kobe 20th and Moji 22nd Dec. Dec., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. WAISHING, British str., 1,170, W. R. Bichard, 28th Dec.-Chinking 24th Dec., General-

Jardine, Matheson & Co. ZAFIRO, British str., 1,619, R. Rodger, 28th Dec.-Manila 24th December, General-Shewan, Tomos & Co.

CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 28th December.

Arioki Maru, Japanese str., for Amoy. Benvorlich, British str., for Nagasaki. Borneo, German str., for Sandakan. Cheongshing, British for Swatow. Haitan, British str., for Swatow. Helene, German str., for Swatow. Linan, British str., for Canton. Mathilde, German str., for Haiphong. Moyune, British str., for Singapore. Scandia, German str., for Colombo.

DEPARTURES.

28th December. CHINKIANG, British str., for Amoy. Hein Fung, Chinese str., for Shanghai. Kwongsang, British str., for Canton. LANDBAT SCHEIFF, Ger. str., for Canton. MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Canton. PROTEUS, Norwegian str., for Canton. RAJNAR, Norwegian str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British str. Linan reports: Strong N. Easterly winds and fine weather. The British str. Kwongsang reports: Light Northerly wind, smooth sea, fine and clear weather.

> VESSELS IN DOCK. December 28th.

ABERDEEN DOCK .- Borneo, Haimun. KOWLOON DOCK .- H.M.S. Virago, Prinz Waldemar, Triumph, H.M.S. Fame, H.M.S. Janus, Taranga

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK .- Derwent, Locksun.

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LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c	GLENBARN	Brit, str Brit, str	_			To-morrow. On 6th Jan.
LONDON &C. VIA DEUAL POETS OF CALL	Assaye	Brit, str	-			On 9th Jan., at Noon.
TONDON ANTWERP & HAMBURG	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str	-			End of January.
ROTTERDAM & FLAMBURG VIA STRALTO, COM I	DEN OF OGIL	Ger. str	k.w.	Luning		On 5th Jan. On 11th Jan.
HARVE & HAMBURG VI. STRAITS, &c	ISTRIA BARCELONA	Ger. str	k, w.	Pornelins	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c	C. FERD, LABISZ	Ger. str	E.W.			On 28th Jan.
DAVDE & HAMRIEG VIA STRAITS. &C	Andalusia	Ger, str	k.w.			On 22nd Febr. On 27th Febr.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str.			MELOHES & Co	Beginning of January.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str	-	Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 5th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES & LONDON VIA FOMBAT	MACEDONIA	Brit. str Jap. str	-		P. & O. S. N. Co	On 20th March. To-morrow, at Daylight
GENOA. MARSEILLES, London, & Antwerp, &c. Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	HIRANO MARU	Jap. etr.			NIPPON YUBEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BINGO MARU	Jap. str	-	A. Christiansen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at D'light
NAPLES, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltae &c	BUELOW	Ger, str		G Rott	MELCHERS & Co	To-morrow, at Noon. On 10th March.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, &C	PRINZESS ALICE	Aus, str.	The same of the sa	Bartole	BANDER, WIELER & Co	On 20th Jan.
TRIESTE, &C., VIA SINGAPORE, &C.	SIKH	Brit. str	-		DODWELL & Co., LTD.	To-day.
NEW YORK & BOSTON VIA SUEZ PORTS	INDRAWADI MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit, str Brit, str		Williams	DODWELL & Co., LD.	On 5th Jan. On 19th Jan.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 16th Jan., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str	l m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 2nd March at Noon.
VICTORIA BC. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGRAI, &C.	SHINAMO MARU	JAD, SEE,		K. Kawara	Dodwell & Co, Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at Noon. On 14th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	TANGO MARU	Brit. str Jap. etr	<u> </u>	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA BHANGHAI, &C.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	l m.	G. W. Eidy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIEE	On 31st Jan., at 4 P.M.
THE TRALIAN FORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR,	Ger. str		F. Isoko		On Slat inst, at 5 P.M. On 6th Jan., at Noon.
THOMES ATTAKE DOUBLE VIL PORT DARWIN IN	EMPIRE COMMON	Jap. str	4.5	P. T. Helms N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	HUMANO MARU	Jap. str		T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISEA	On 19th Febr., at Noon.
## ATO 177	WARAMIYA MARU	Jap. str	-	T. Yamawaki	1	On 4th Jan., at D'light
KORE & VOKOHAMA	AWA MARU	Jap. str Jap. str	•	A. Keith	NIPPON YUBEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAWATA MARU	Dut. str		H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
CHEFCO & DALNY	HANYANG	Brit. str		H. Trowbridge		To-day, at 4 P.M. To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	HANGSANG	Brit. str Brit. str		Robertson	4.0	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	FOOSHING	Brit. str		T. Arthur	Jardine Matheson & Co., Ld.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	CHOSHI'N MALU	Jap. str.		T. Suruga	MELCHERS & CO.	On 31st inst., at D'light About 31st inst.
GRANCHAT MAGARAKI KOBE & IURUDAMA:	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str Brit. str		H. S. Bradehaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
I CTANCTAT MOIT KORE & 1UAUDAMA	SYDNEY	Fron.str	-	Rebufat.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 4th Jan. About 8th Jan.
SPANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DELHI	Brit. str		J. D. Andrews, R.N.B.	P. & O. S. N. Co. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 11th Jan, at Noon
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKSANG	Brit, etr Dan. etr		*** *** *** *** ***	MELCHERS & Co	Middle of January.
ISHANGHAL YOKOHAMA & AUDD	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str		Block	HAMBUEG-AMERIKA LINIB	On 3rd Jau. On 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ELAVONIA	Ger. str		de Brouwers		Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI IN THE PAR SET TO SET THE	TJIMAHI	Dut, str	The second of the contract of	I. Fakurai		To-day, at 4 P.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Brit. str.	l m.	T. W. Pickard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, st 4 P.M.
AMOY & SHANGHAL		Brit. str		J. S. Roach		To-day, at Noon. To-morrow, at Noon.
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I GOTGOW & HAIPHONG		Brit, str		A. W. Outerbridge		To-day, at 3 P.M. On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA MANILA	LOONGSANG			S. J. Payne	SHEWAN TOMES & Co	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
TATANTIA	The access of	47.24		A. Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Jap., at 3 P.M.
MANITA	T-man Ma	Brit. str		P. H. Rolfe R. W. Almond	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 8th Jan., at 4 F.M. On 9th Jan., at Noon.
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31st December.

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About 4th January. Capt. Rebufat (On 5th Jan., ERNEST SIMONS." Capt. Girard 1 P.M. On 18th Jan., P.M. Capt. Bros On 19th Jan., Capt. Charbonnel 1 1 P.M.

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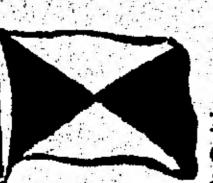
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THE GERMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Buelow left Shanghai on the 26th met at midelight, and may be expected here to-day at daylight.

The I.G.M. str. P. E. Friedrich carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst, left Singapore on Friday the 25th inst. at 6 p.m., and may be expected here tomorrow evening. THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Mongelia with the American Mail from San Francisco of 1st inst., in addition to the usual ports of call, will call at Manila and her arrival date in Hongkong will consequently be delayed entil the 4th prox THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

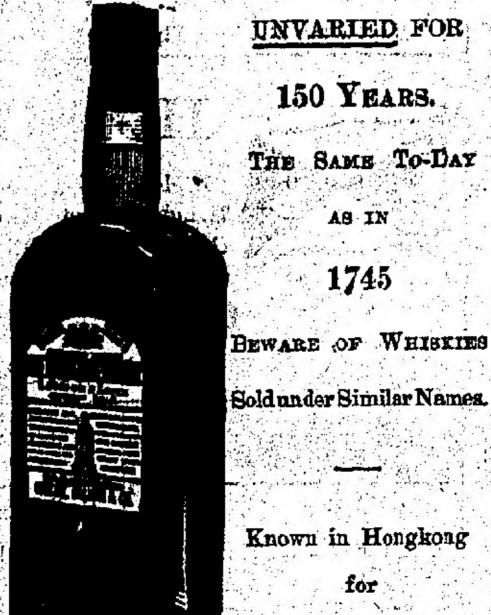
The I.G.M. str. Prince Sigismund has left Sydney on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 7 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apear str. C. Apear from Calcutta left Singapore on the 22nd inst. p.m., and may be expected here to day. MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The str. Craigvar sailed from Seattle on the 15th inst., for Hongkong via Moii. The E. & A. str. Eastern left Sydney on 19th inst for Queensland Ports, Timor, Manila and The str. Adato left Scattle for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 24th inst.

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HIEAMERS. ARIAKI MARU. Japanese str., 2,183, T. Ohta, 24th Dec. Moji 19th December, Coal-Mitani Bussan-Kafalia. BANDAI MARU, Japanese str., 2,000, Y. Meyasaki, 26th Dec.-Moji via Amoy 24th Dec., Coal -Arnhold Karberg & Co.

BENVORLICH, British str., 2,146, A. Webster, 25th Dec. Singapore 18th Dec., General Gibb, Livington & Co. Dr. and Mrs. W. W. BORNEO, German str., 1,344, F. Sembill, 18th Dec.—Sandakan 12th Dec., Timber and louette, guab oat, 506 tons, 7 guns, 400 h.p. General—Melchers & Co. General-Melchers & Co. CHEONGSHING, British str., 1,255, Liddell, 15th Argus, river gunboat, 180 tone, 6 gune, 570 h.p.

Dec.-Tientsin via Weihaiwei 8th Dec. General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. CHOSHUN MARU, Jap. str., 1,303, T. Suruga, Bouclier, gunboat, 140 tons, Reserve, Saigon Osaka Shosan Kaisha. CHOWFA, German str., 1,755, H. Breher, 24th Cimeterre, gunboat, 140 tons, Reserve, Saigon Dec. Swatow 23rd Dec., Rice-N.D.L. CYCLOPS, British str., 5,747, H. C. Harris, 24th

Butterfield & Swire. DAKOTAH, British str., 2.593, Ross, 21st Dec.— D'Entrecasteaux, 1st class armoured cruiser, San Francisco 23rd Nov., Kerosene Oil— 8,200 tons, 26 guns, 13,500 h.p., Captain Standard Oil Co.

FAUSANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 24th Fronde, destroyer, 300 tons, 7 guns, 6,300 h.s. Dec.-Hongay 22nd Dec., Coal-Jardine,

Matheson & Co. FRI, Norwegian str., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov. Thoresen & Co. 23rd Dec.-Japan 18th December, Coal- Saigon

Jebsen & Co. HAIMUN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, General— Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 27th

Dec Swatow 21st December, General-Douglas, Lapraik & Co. Halibis, Norwegian str., 1,065, Solberg, 23rd

Hamburg Amerika Linie. 24th Dec.—Shanghai 19th and Swatow

HELENE, German str., 771, Jessen, 26th Dec .--Hollow 25th Dec., General-Jebsen

HUPEH, British str., 1,205, Spink, 25th Dec. Bice Butterfield & Swire. KASHING, British str., 1,143, Pickard, 21st Dec. Tekinng, steam-launch, Upper Yangtere

Butterfield & Swire. KWANGLED, Chinese str., 1,487, R. Lincoln, Vanban, torpedo-depot, Commander Mortenol, 21st Dec.—Shunghai 18th Dec., General— C. M. S. N. Co. LANDRAT SCHEIFF, German str., 1,200 A.

Siemssen & Co. LOCKBUN, German str., 1,020, W. Taubert, Vipère, gunbost, 475 tons, Reserve, Saigon 22nd Dec. Bangkok 13th Dec., Rice and General-Butterfield & Swire. ANDAL, Norwegian str., 1,194, E. Ericksen 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballasi

-A. T. & Co. MANDASAN MARU, Jop. str., 3,246, Shimidzu, 22nd Dec .- Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal-Mitaui Bussan Kaisha. MATHILDE, German str., 831, A. P. Ulderup,

24th Dec.-Haiphong and Hoihow 23rd Dec., Rice and Pigs-Jebsen & Co. MEEFOO, Chinese str., 1,339, J. Froberg, 25th Dec. Shanghai, 22nd December, General. MINNESOTA, American str., 13,323. Chas.

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NEWCHWANG, British str., 558, E. L. Jones, 26th December Swatow 25th December, General-C. N. Co. PRINE WALDERAR, German str., 1,737, W. v. Senden, 12th Dec .- Sydney 17th Nov. Melchers & Co.

PROGRESS, Norwegian str.. 1,671, P. Schjenig, 22nd Dec., Karatzu 15th Dec., Coal Wallem & Co. Proteus, Norwegian str., 1.024, C. Möller, 27th Dec. Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Rice Anganrd, Thoreson & Co.

RAGNAR, Norwegian str.: 1,220, A. Angensen, 24th Dec.—Wakamatsu 18th Dec., Coal— Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.
SCANDIA, German str., 4,546, Van Dühren,
27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec., General— Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

SHAOHSING, British str., 1,307, McIntosh, 22nd Dec Shanghai 19th Dec General-Butterfield & Swire. SHINANO MARU, Jap. str., 3,960, K. Kawara, 27th Dec.-Shanghai 24th Dec., Flour-Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SHINGHU MARU, Japanese str., 2,163, Osakatsu, 21st Dec. Moji 15th Dec., Coll-Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. SIKH, British str., 3,231, Watkinson, 25th Dec. General Dodwell & Co., Ld.

Takabaki Maru, Jap. str. 3,000. A. Mocker, 28th Nov.—Bombay and Singapore 19th Nov. General—Nippon Yusen Kalshs. Tean, British str., 1,346, A. W. Outerbridge. 26th Dec -- Mamla 22nd Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire. TITPANAS, Dutch str., 2,444, A. W. La Rooy,

23rd Dec.-Shanghai 18th and Amoy 22nd Dec., General—Java-China-Japan Lijn. 1 кимен, German str., 769, J. C. Hansen, 20th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 18th Dec., Rice and General—Jebsen & Co.

YUNNAN. British str., 1,206, W. O. Jones, 21st Dec Chinking and Shanghai 18th Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire. SAILING VESSELS.

809, John F. Colstrup, 13th Dec.-Portland Oregon 8th Oct., Lumber-Mr. Jack. DAYLIGHT, British barque, 3,060, M. Bryde, 9th October Tokolama 19th September, Ballast-Standard Oil Co. LYNDHUEST, British 4-masted barque, 2,500, Parnell, 14th September-Bangkok 25th August, Case Oil-Standard Oil Co.

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Acheron, armoured gunboat, 1,830 tons, 9 guns 1,700 h.p., Lieut. Bertrand, Salgon Alger, 2nd class cruiser, 4,320 tons, 22 guns 5,100 h.p., Commander Fournier, H'kong Lieut. Audouard. Balonnette, gunboat, 170 tons, Reserve, Sairon 26th Dec. Shanghai 20th Dec., General Bruix, armoured cruiser, 4,800 tons, 16 guns. 8,800 h.p., Capt. Rochas,

Comète, gunbeat 500 tons, 6 guns, 500 h.p. CLOPS, British str., 5,747, H. C. Harris, 24th Capt. L. Gervais, Saigon December—Liverpool via Ports 14th Nov., Coronade, gunbeat, 184 tons, Reserve, Saigon and Manils 23rd December General- Décidée, gunboat, 630 tons, 10 guns, 900 h.p., Lieut, de Linares, Shanghai

Thibault, Shanghai DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Estoc, gunboat, 141 tons, Reserve, Haiphong Dec. Saigon 12th December, General- Esturgeon, sub-marine, 70 tons, 60 h.p., Lient.

Henri Rivière, river gunboat, 150 tons, 6 guns' 152 h.p., Haiphong -Manila 13th November, Ballast -- Anguard, Jacquin, gunboat, 200 tone, Reserve, Halphong Lion, gunboat, 500 tons, Reserve, Saigon GERMANIA, German str., 1,771, C. Jurgensen, Lynz, sub-marine, 70 tons, 6h.p., Lieut. Marri,

Manche, surveying-ship, 1,625 tons, 10 gura, 900 h.p., Commander Ragot de la Touche, Monsquet, destroyer, 300 tons, 7 gans, 6,300 b.p., Commander de la Roche K-randraon,

Olry, river gunboat, 170 tons, 6 guns, 500 h.p., Lient, de Maindreville, Upper Yangtze Dec. Chinking 19th December, Rice | Peibo, river gunboat, 180 tons, 4 guns, 280 h.p. Lieut. Puech, Tongku HANGSANG, British str., 1,356, Spencer Wilde, Perfe. sub-marine, 70 tons, 60 h.p., Lieut Mon-

23rd Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Pistolet, destroyer, 800 tons, 7 guns, 7,000 h.p. Commander Mortenol, Hongay. Protee, sub-marine, 70 tons, 60 h.p., Lieut Morris, Saigon Redoutable, battleship, (reserve) 9,330 tons

37 guns, 6,200 h.p., Capt. Drouet, Salgon -Haiphong and Hoihow 23rd December, Styx, armonred gunboat, 1,800 tons, 8 guns 1,600 h.p. Lieut. Beriot, Saigon -Chinking 16th December, General- Takou, destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns 6,500 h.p., In Reserve, Salgon

Vétéran, torpedo-depot, Lient. Bibel. 27th Dec.—Tsingtau 21st Dec., General— Vigilante, river gunboat, 180 tons, 6 guns, 7 h.p. Lieut. Damonlin, Siking

> Arcona, cruiser, 2719 tons, Captain von Hipper Furst Bismarck, (flagship), 11000 tons, 36 guns,

> 14000 h.p., Kontre-Admiral Coerper, Iltis, gunbost, 1000 tons, 10 guns, 1300 h.p. Captain Lans Jaguar, guiboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, 1800 h.p. Captain Graf you Posadowsky-Webner Leipzig, orniser, Captain Engel Luchs, gunboat 850 tons, 10 guns, 1844 hin Captain Bölken

Niobe, orniser, Captain Langemak Tiger, gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, 1300 h.p., Usptain v. Koss Teinglau, gunbost, 170 tons, 5 guns, 1800 h.p. Captain Ross Vaterland, gunboat,-tons, 8 guns, 500 h.p.

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Rio Lima, cruiser, 720, tons, 7 guns, Macao. UNITED STATES. Barry, destroyer, 420 tons, Ens. David Lyons.

Callac, gunboat, 243 tons, Lt. Guy Whitlock, Hongkong Chaucey, destroyer, 420 tons, Lt. Frank McCrary, Cavite Chattanooga, cruiser, 3200 tons, Commander R.C. Smith, Swatow Cleveland, cruiser 8200 tons Commender J. T. Newton, Cavite Colorado, armoured cruiser, 18,680 tons, Captain S. H. Staunton, Cruising Concord, gunboat, 1710 tons, Commander J. H. Bears, Shanghai Dale, destroyer, 420 tons, Ens. G. V. Stewart Decatur, destroyer, 420 tons, Ens. C. W. Nimits, Cavite Denver, oruiser, 3200 tons, Commander W. —Yokohams and Shanghai 22nd December, Galveston, Shanghai Commander General—Dodwell & Co., Ld. B. W. Hodges Manila Helena gunboat, 1392 tons, Commander B. M. Hughes shangbai Maryland, armoured cruiser, 18,680 tops, Capt Mohioan, (station ship), Lieut.-Commander M.

Monadnock, monitor, 4000 tons, Lt. Commander Miller, Olongspo Monterey, monitor, 4000 tons, Lt. D. W. Todd, Pennsylvania, armoured cruiser, 18,680 tons. Capt. A. Ward, Cruising

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HONGRONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec, 20th to 4th Jan., 1909.

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